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25X1 25X1 8. [] George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, called to say that he and Senator Pastore had just returned from a trip to Europe and the Senator had expressed interest in press reports about the []
25X1 [] Murphy asked if we could brief him on this case so that he could advise the Senator. Following instructions from the Director, I told
25X1 Murphy that, []
25X1 [] I could assure him that thus far there was no indication of involvement of any atomic energy information.

25X1 9. [] Ambassador Wymberley Coerr, INR, State Department, called and said he was working on the Department's response to Chairman Stennis on Senator Church's bill (S. 1887) to amend the National Security Act to preclude the Agency from engaging in paramilitary activities. Coerr is suggesting a response which merely states this would place unacceptable restrictions on the President in carrying out his responsibilities under the Constitution. He did raise, however, the possibility of recommending that the bill be amended to add that paramilitary activities would be conducted only after consultation with the appropriate committees of the Congress. I told Coerr that I did not think this would be acceptable to the Administration. He also raised the possibility of accepting such legislation on the ground that it would by its terms only apply to the Agency and still leave other departments, such as the Department of Defense, free to conduct these activities if requested. I said I felt this would be equally unacceptable to the Administration for it would preclude the President from using the Agency's resources for paramilitary operations of any kind in the future.

25X1 25X1 10. [] Messrs. [] O/DDS; []
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25X1 FE Division, advised us of an inquiry which the Joint Chiefs had received from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee involving the activities of the []
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25X1 would have on [] This is part of an overall inquiry from the Committee on the [] issue. We agreed to a response to be included in a fact book for the Committee which was consistent with the true facts and []
25X1 [] which was not so specific as to pose a problem in the event there was a request for follow-up detail. I recommended that our suggestion be cleared with the DDS and the DDP.

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